

## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

February 12, 2013

### Summary

Stinnett called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM. All committee members were present. Beard and Kay were also present.

#### I. **1.29.13 Committee Meeting Summary**

A motion by Mossotti, second by Myers to approve the 1.29.13 Committee summary passed unanimously.

#### II. **Distillery District Update**

Stinnett called on Gorton who referred the item. Gorton spoke about the status of the project and feasibility study.

Commissioner Paulsen provided background on the proposed project as well as status of the feasibility study. He stated that Strand Engineering will complete the study within the next month. He stated that the study will identify infrastructure needs to support the project and prioritize and plan those infrastructure needs.

Gorton requested information from the previous presentation given in November 2012.

Barry McNeese discussed the Distillery District Project. He discussed history of the original distillery. McNeese stated that LFUCG and the State had both approved the Distillery District Tax Increment Financing District in 2008. He stated that the developers requested \$ 3.4 million in public investment for streetscape and other public infrastructure. LFUCG ultimately approved a bond in the amount of \$ 2.2 to support the project in 2009.

In response to a question Paulsen stated that approximately \$ 1.7 remains from the \$ 2.2 million bond proceeds.

Gorton asked about signage and suggested adding that the list of wayfinding locations.

Clarke discussed tying the Distillery District area with the Rupp Arena, Arts & entertainment District. In response Paulsen & Jeff Fugate agreed that the synergy between the projects provides logical tie ins. Fugate also spoke about the Town Branch trail which geographically links the two developments.

Akers asked about the present tenant mix in the District. She stated that public investment was critical to the success of the Distillery District.

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Stinnett asked about the development agreement. He stated that the other TIFs all had signed agreements between LFUCG and the respective developer identifying the responsibilities of both parties. McNeese agreed that the agreements should be finalized.

Akers asked about future steps in the process. In response Paulsen stated that the feasibility study being conducted by Strand & Associates would identify next steps, and how the development would be planned, prioritized and implemented.

### **III. Capital Projects Update**

Martin identified several capital projects within the Division of Water Quality. He highlighted several of the projects including Remedial Measures Plan Implementation (#36), Capacity Assurance Program (#37), Capacity, Management, Operations & Maintenance (#43), Treatment Plant, Pump Station Improvements (#51), and I&I Rehabilitation (# 59).

Stinnett discussed the Town Branch storage tank (#101) and Wolf Run storage tank (# 102) projects. In response Martin stated that both projects were in the design phase.

Mossotti requested that in the future the information include Council District so the projects can be more easily identified. Martin agreed.

Henson discussed the Bob O Link project.

In response to a question from Farmer Martin stated that the list includes projects that were completed within the last 6 months or will be in the process within the next 6 months.

In response to a question from Farmer Martin stated that the remedial measures plan projects has an estimated cost of \$ 550 for the next 15 years. He stated that the goal is to reduce that total as there is a substantial linkage between numerous projects and that the completion of one project may reduce the need to complete another project.

Richard Moloney, Susan Bush and Jim Woods discussed capital projects within their respective offices.

### **IV. Items Referred**

Stinnett reviewed items in Committee. In response Stinnett stated that the Distillery District feasibility study should be completed by the next Committee meeting. Stinnett

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stated that the March 12 agenda will include the Distillery District, the Waste Management Operation Efficiency Boost project and the effectiveness of Environmental Policy public education efforts within Environmental Quality.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

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